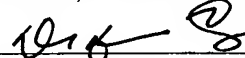




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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant hereby brings to the attention of the United States Patent and Trademark Office the following documents of which Applicant has been made aware. The documents are listed on the attached PTO Form 1449. Copies of the documents are enclosed.

Pursuant to the Official Gazette Notice of August 5, 2003 for U.S. national applications filed after June 30, 2003, the requirement for submitting a copy of each cited U.S. patent and each cited U.S. patent application publication as this requirement is waived, copies of the U.S.

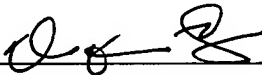
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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) Applicant submits that each item of reference contained in the information disclosure statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application. No item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was known to any individual designated in § 1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of the information disclosure statement.

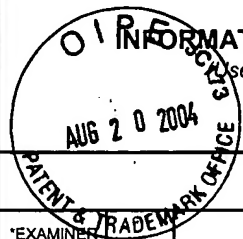
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Respectfully submitted,

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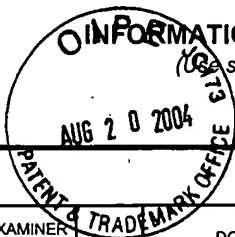
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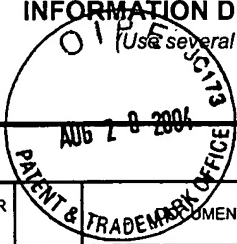
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